

**State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
Reauthorization Update
January 10, 2008**

You may have heard that federal funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP) was up for reauthorization by the Congress and the President. Federal funds provide 2/3 of the funding that states use to run their SCHIPs. The Healthy Families Program (HFP) is California's SCHIP.

On December 29, 2007, President Bush signed a bill that extends funding for SCHIP through March 2009. The amount of funding will fully fund HFP through March 2009 and maintain enrollment at current levels through the extension period.

Since the SCHIP funding extension was passed:

1. The HFP is operating business as usual.
2. Uninsured children continue to be enrolled in HFP.
3. HFP is fully funded through March 2009.
4. There is no wait list.
5. No children have ever been disenrolled due to insufficient federal funds.

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